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Dear Cate,

At your request, I am sending some basic materials which describe Where Grace Abounds' philosophy, purpose and doctrinal beliefs. WGA is a 501(C)3 organization. Our services are provided free of charge, with expenses such as rent, telephone, printing and postage being covered by private contributions.

In addition to our usual packet, I have included a list of referral agencies throughout the United States. These organizations are referral agencies of Exodus International, as are we. They have all been in operation at least two years, most much longer. We are in support of their efforts, and in agreement with the truth they present. There are differences, of course, as each ministry reflects the personal or doctrinal philosophy of the director or church under which they minister.

I am glad for your interest in our organization. As we agreed to do, I will be available for an interview after you have had a chance to review our materials.

Sincerely,

Mary Heathman
Executive Director

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BOOK LIST

ARTERBURN, Jerry, How Will I Tell My Mother? A True Story of One Man's Battle with Homosexuality & AIDS.

BAKER, Don, Beyond Rejection: The Church, Homosexuality and Hope (Multnomah Press, 1985). The story of one man's struggles with homosexuality, and the path God took him on to find release - written from a pastor's perspective.

BEATTIE, Melody, Codependent No More (Harper & Row, 1987), [Book & Audio tape]; Beyond Codependency. Information that can help the family of a homosexual person.

BOGLE, Darlene, Long Road to Love (Chosen Books, 1985). Conveys both the intense struggle encountered in leaving seventeen years in the lesbian lifestyle and the full joy now experienced in Christ.

BRESTIN, Dee, The Friendships of Women (Victor Book, 6th Ed. 1989).

CARNES, Patrick, Out of the Shadows: Understanding Sexual Addiction; Contrary to Love: Helping the Sexual Addict (CompCare Pub., 1983). Includes information helpful to the homosexual addict.

COMISKY, Andy, Pursuing Sexual Wholeness: How Jesus Heals the Homosexual (Creation House, 1989); Study Guide.

COOK, Colin, Homosexuality: An Open Door? An understandable view of the homosexual conflict and its resolution. (Available through HA Book Ministry, Reading, Pennsylvania, 215-376-1146).

DALBEY, Gordon, Healing the Masculine Soul. Addresses the deepest needs of men.

FRANK, Jan, A Door of Hope (Here's Life Publishers, Inc., 1987), [Book and Audio tape]. Help for people sexually molested as children by one so victimized.

HURST, Ed, Homosexuality: Laying the Axe to the Roots. Reviews nine underlying problems viewed as "roots" of homosexuality.

JOHNSON, Barbara, Where Does a Mother Go to Resign? (Bethany, 1979). A true story of a mother who goes through the trauma of discovering her son's homosexuality. It has ministered to thousands of parents around the world. Fresh Elastic for Stretched Out Moms (Revell, 1985). [Book and Audio Tape]. A second encouraging biography sharing humor as a tool to get through the struggles of life. For many parents, this book will offer a positive perspective of otherwise thoroughly negative events.

JOHNSON, Loreen, and G. Rosenfeld, Divorced Kids: What You Need to Know to Help Kids Survive a Divorce

KONRAD, J. A., You Don't Have To Be Gay. Personal testimony through letters to a friend. Good composite of theories of healing women throughout the book.

LEWIS, C. S., The Four Loves (A Harvest/HBJ Book, 1960). A look into the four loves common to man.

LOVELACE, Richard F., Homosexuality: What Should Christians Do About It? (Revell, 1978). One of the most clear and helpful presentations of the problem of homosexuality from a Biblical position.

MOBERLY, Elizabeth, Homosexuality: Psychological Background and Theological Understanding [2 audio tapes]. Psychogenesis: The Early Development of Gender Identify (Routledge & Kegan Paul Limited, 1983). A

major psychoanalytic study of gender identity. Discusses transsexualism and homosexuality from a psychodynamic point of view. Homosexuality: A New Christian Ethic (Attic Press, 1983). A significant book by an English author who has done years of research into the root causes of homosexuality. Includes challenge to the church.

PAYNE, Leanne, The Healing of the Homosexual. Overview of how inner healing and Christ's forgiveness promotes permanent release from the bondage of homosexuality. The Broken Image: Restoring Personal Wholeness Through Healing Prayer (Crossway Books, 1985). An ideal book for counselors who want to know more about inner healing and how it applies specifically to the homosexual person. The author has years of experience in the counseling principles she shares. Crisis in Masculinity (Crossway Books, 1985). Focuses on the confusion about masculinity reflected not just in the homosexual problem, but through our whole society. Very helpful reading for men and women seeking clarity and healing from their own sexual identity confusion. The Healing Presence: How God's Grace Can Work in You to Bring Healing in Your Broken Places and the Joy of Living in His Love (Crossway Books, 1989).

PERRY, Shireen and LEWIS, Gregg, In Sickness and in Health: A Story of Love in the Shadow of AIDS (InterVarsity Press, 1989) [Book & Vidio]. A husband and wife face his AIDS with the support of their church.

SAIA, Michael R., Counseling the Homosexual (Bethany House Publishers, 1988). Good information on understanding the gay community and their needs.

SCHAEF, Anne Wilson, Escape from Intimacy: Untangling the "Love" Additions: Sex, Romance, Relationships. Thought provoking and helpful.

SEAMANDS, David, Healing for Damaged Emotions (Victor Books, 1981). Blends clear Biblical theology, solid psychology and practical common sense guiding us to permanent freedom from our inner turmoil and damaged feelings. [Book & Audio tape]. Healing of Memories (Victor Books, 1985). Putting Away Childish Things [Book & Audio tape].

Thorkelson, Lori, Emotional Dependency (InterVarsity Press). Deals with friendships which have become too dependent. Especially applicable to women coming from lesbian backgrounds.

van den AARDWEG, Gerard, Homosexuality and Hope: A Psychologist Talks About Treatment and Change (Servant books, 1985). A leading European psychotherapist offers a word of hope that with a serious commitment of time and energy, change is possible for the homosexual.

WHITE, John, Parents in Pain. Includes chapter on homosexuality.

WILSON, Earl D., Sexual Sanity: Breaking Free From Uncontrolled Habits (InterVarsity, 1984). Christian psychologist discusses sexual addictions.

YANCEY, Philip, Where is God When It Hurts?; Disappointed With God [Book & Audio tape]. Realistic and sensitive treatment of the problem of suffering.

AVAILABILITY: If you are unable to locate any of the above publications in local bookstores, most of them can be ordered through the HA Book Ministry. They may be contacted at:

HAFS
P.O. Box 7881
Reading, PA 19603
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CASSETTE TAPE ORDER FORM

_____ TAPE #3 **Is Change Possible?** A panel of men and women who have personally struggled with homosexuality. Hear their stories and understand the hope they've experienced in pursuing God's plan for their sexuality.

_____ TAPE #12 **What is Homosexuality? A Personal Story - Steve Armstrong, M.A.** A description of the isolation, emotional deficits and internal conflict of the person struggling with homosexuality and the variations of homosexual expression, levels of compulsion and degrees of orientation. Personal testimony.

_____ TAPE #100 **The Ingredients of Homosexual Orientation - Colin Cook, M.A.** An in-depth look at sexual desire as symbol; sexual desire as search; sexual desire as escape from pain. Colorado Springs, 11/91

_____ TAPE #101 **Laying the Foundation for Re-Orientation - Colin Cook, M.A.** Understanding the self in Christ; healing the wounds behind homosexuality; defining the sexual identity. Colorado Springs, 11/91

_____ TAPE #102 **The Development of Heterosexual Orientation - Colin Cook, M.A.** Restructuring the thoughts and feelings; integrating sexuality and Christian experience; developing the capacity for intimacy. Colorado Springs, 11/91

_____ TAPE #46 **Finding the Self in Lust - Colin Cook, M.A.** A study on the anatomy of lust. Lust equals the loss of selfhood. Discover the new self in the presence of lust through faith training breaks lust's power. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #48 **Addiction to Depersonalized Sex - Kirk Conner & Kirk Williams.** This workshop will provide a non-technical explanation of general theories and models of addiction and apply those general theories and models to the specific behaviors of masturbation, pornography and voyeurism. Material from Out of the Shadows by Patrick Carnes will be included along with insights gained from the presenters' own struggles. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #18 **The Mental-Behavioral Cycle Behind Homosexual and Sexual Addiction - Colin Cook, M.A.** A larger view than the traditional one of the mental, behavioral, sexually addictive cycle. What addictions "developing a life of their own" really means. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #28 **Uncovering the Hidden Ways of Seduction - Colin Cook, M.A.** People do not simply "end up" becoming illicitly sexually involved. There are hidden dynamics behind seduction, unconscious until admitted. Facing up to the hidden ways we seduce - a vital step in recovery. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #37 **The Nature of Sexual Fantasy and its Healing - Colin Cook, M.A.** Understand how sexual fantasy creates the illusion of reality. Discover the needs behind the symbols of fantasy and how the nature of grace displaces fantasy. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #38 **Emotional Dependency: Whys and What to Do - Bette Doiron.** What is at the roots of emotional dependency? What makes emotional dependency ungodly? What are its benefits? How is it maintained. How do you get out? What fruit can be expected as one seeks to be free from emotionally dependent relationships. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #64 **The Lesbian Experience - Bette Doiron.** What sets a woman free? Two personal journeys out of homosexuality will be explored while looking at the dynamics of family history, mother-daughter relationships, emotional brokenness, dependencies, legitimate needs, defensive detachments, behavioral changes in responses and actions and attitudes, perception changes, low self-esteem vs. having worth in Christ. John 4:29 "Come see a man who told me everything I ever did." Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #103 **Tina's Story - Sharon Cook, M.A.** A case history of a woman's steps towards homosexual recovery. Colorado Springs, 11/91

_____ TAPE #31 **Therapeutic Touch - Mary Heathman.** This workshop will provide a clear look at scientific, emotional and spiritual factors regarding the need for touch and its appropriate place in relationships. Specific attention will be paid to the temptation/seduction aspect of touch versus the healing/affirming dynamic. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #62 **Resolving Same-Sex Ambivalence - Mary Heathman.** This workshop will provide a definition and resolution of same-sex ambivalence (emotional dependency and defensive detachment) by outlining a practical application of Dr. E. Moberly's theory as stated in her book entitled Homosexuality: A New Christian Ethic. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #19 **Resolving Opposite-Sex Ambivalence - Jim Brooks.** What is opposite-sex ambivalence? "Loving an idealized image of the opposite-sex. A symbolic fantasy about who he/she is." This often results in a separation from the opposite-sex by looking at them unrealistically. Addresses the fear of the opposite-sex and explores how to relate to the opposite-sex in healthy ways. Denver, 4/92

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_____ TAPE #14 **Friendship: A Biblical Look - Jim Brooks.** Loneliness is a very real issue for men and women coming out of homosexuality. Can friendship needs be met in the local church? This workshop will look at 9 Biblical characteristics that exemplify Christian friendship. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #21 **Friendships and Men - Dean Dyk, M.Div.** Looks at what close friendship is and why there is so little in the lives of men. What are the social and cultural resistances to male friendship? Why so much homophobia in approaching closeness between men? The need for friendship and its value in men's lives is explored. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #53 **Living with HIV+: Yours or Someone Else's - Bette Doiron.** Thinking about death does not come naturally. Yet, surely for every person, death will come. Why do we resist the thought or shrink back when it is discussed? We all have much to learn about our lives and ourselves as we look at the final stage of life: death. As we become more comfortable confronting our own fears, we can expect to become more comfortable relating to those who are dying. Denver, 4/92

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

_____ TAPE #2 **Loving Someone Who is 'Gay'** Panel of parents and spouses of people who struggle with homosexuality. Discover how they worked through the initial knowledge that a loved one struggled with homosexuality. Hear their stories of personal healing and growth.

_____ TAPE #35 **Parents in Pain - Mary Heathman.** Personal story about a mother facing the trauma of discovering a child's homosexuality. Understand how to reestablish same-sex, parent-child love and friendship. Review reasonable expectations of growth.

_____ TAPE #47 **A Family's Story - Jack and Gloria Rickard.** A testimony to God's healing power in the life of a family whose oldest son struggles with homosexuality. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #104 **Sharon's Story - Sharon Cook, M.A.** A personal testimony of the healing of a marriage after homosexuality. Colorado Springs, 11/91

_____ TAPE #36 **Facing Bitterness and Anger - Jim Brooks.** Bitterness is like a festering sore. It is a cancerous condition which can consume us. Bitterness is an unseen living organism that feeds off of unforgiveness. This workshop will address the need to be set free from the deadly effects of this condition. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #61 **The Importance of "Father" - Jim Brooks.** The dynamics between father and son and father and daughter are significant. Between father and son, the major issue seems to be one of bonding: can a father draw close to the boy, express his love, care openly and declare "You are mine"? Between father and daughter, the major issue seems to be one of separation: can the father let go of the girl, express his confidence in her abilities and declare "You are your own person"? Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #15 **Codependency: Characteristics - Dr. Caterina James.** Explore the symptoms of people-idolatry, including people-dependency and religious addiction in the Body of Christ. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #20 **Codependency: Roots - Dr. Caterina James.** Examine possible causes of developing people-dependency across the life span, including family of origin, trauma and loss issues, and cultural and religious influences. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #30 **Codependency: Treatment Issues - Dr. Caterina James.** Pathways toward filling the inner void behind people-dependency through healthy attachment to God, self and others are proposed. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #32 **Ministry: Practical Do's and Don'ts - Bette Doiron.** This workshop will give actual steps that Bette's mother used in discipling her. It was a success story. How is God leading you? Sometimes the obvious is not the next step to ministering or coming alongside a relative or friend. Come and explore options together. Denver, 4/92

COUNSELORS AND PASTORS:

_____ TAPE #4 **Effective Counseling Principles - Colin Cook, M.A.** A study of effective counseling dynamics that enhance the possibility of homosexual/sexual recovery. A consideration of the weaknesses in secular and Christian approaches. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #44 **Homosexuality: A Relational Model - Moberly's Theory - Mary Heathman.** An overview of Dr. Elizabeth Moberly's theory regarding healing for homosexuality, with specific emphasis on the application of her reparative therapy ideas in three arenas: individual counseling, group therapy and friendships. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #51 **Homosexuality: A Relational Model - Practical Application for Counselors - Bill Donelson, M.Div.** This workshop will discuss practical issues for counselors and pastors who work with those struggling with sexual identity. It will focus on issues such as transference, countertransference, factors affecting prognosis, treatment options, bibliotherapy, process and the hope for healing. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #22 **Transference and Counter-Transference in Counseling the Homosexual - Mary Heathman.** A close look at the dynamics of the counselor/counselee, discipler/disciplee relationship as it relates to the working through of unresolved emotional and relational conflicts. Rather than a theoretical framework, this workshop will have a primary emphasis on "how to be" and "what to do" with a person experiencing sexual and relationship conflict. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #60 **Homosexuality and Teenagers - Bill Donelson, M.Div.** Take adolescence, the time in life when we often feel least acceptable yet most desire acceptance. Then add the discovery of socially unacceptable same-sex feelings. The result: a life of loneliness and isolation, misunderstanding and pain. This workshop will examine homosexuality from the perspective of the adolescent, parents, peers and the culture. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #67 **Homosexuality: A Look at the Scientific Debate - Steve Armstrong, M.A.** This workshop will examine some of the more publicized research which indicates that homosexuality has biological causes. You will be challenged to think about how these findings compare with the traditional Biblical position that says homosexuality is not part of God's plan for humanity. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #71 **Transvestism & Transsexualism - Jim Brooks & Bette Dolron.** This workshop will provide a time to ask your questions and explore the issues around the brokenness that drives individuals to desire a complete reversal of their gender identity. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #63 **Redemption: Can the Church Make It Work? - Colin Cook, M.A.** The needs of a publicly humiliated sinner and the needs of the respectable church: are they mutually exclusive? How does the church restore the fallen while still maintaining public credibility?

_____ TAPE #5 **Evangelizing the Homosexual? Compassion & Justice - Jim Brooks.** Does fear of offending or turning people off keep you from saying what's true? Where's the balance in evangelism? Is it possible to speak the truth and show genuine compassion at the same time? Jim will address the need for this balance by sharing from his own personal examples in reaching out primarily to those who suffer with AIDS. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #6 **The Church: An Oasis of Wholeness - Pastor Chuck Orwiler, M.A.** What a church can offer that is found perhaps nowhere else, is a community of wholeness. The key to achieving this lies with a congregation of people who offer a safe haven for broken people while flying the standard of God's plan for wholeness. It is possible. Denver, 4/92

_____ TAPE #39 **Homosexuality: An Exegetical Perspective - Elodie Emig, M.A.** The purpose of this workshop is twofold - first, it is to teach an historico-grammatical approach to the Bible; second, it is to employ that approach in an examination of those Biblical texts which pertain to homosexuality. We will examine Romans 1:26,27 in some depth and other texts germane to the study of homosexuality very briefly. The pro-gay position will be contrasted with traditional interpretation of these passages. Denver, 4/92

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STATEMENT OF POSITION ON HOMOSEXUALITY

WHERE GRACE ABOUNDS believes that God loves the person struggling with the issue of homosexuality as He loves any sinner, exactly as he is. *"While we were yet sinners, He died for us."* We also believe that God loves us so much that He doesn't leave us in our sin. Through a growing relationship in Jesus Christ we are changed.

WHERE GRACE ABOUNDS makes a distinction between homosexual behavior, which is sin, and homosexual orientation (feelings), which is not sin. We believe that God's plan for persons with a homosexual orientation includes complete healing toward the heterosexual person they were created to be.

Homosexual behavior is sin, and is to be dealt with as any other sin, in confession, repentance, and the cleansing power of Christ.

Homosexual behavior results from a reparative drive attempting to resolve much deeper issues such as spiritual emptiness, unresolved emotional trauma, and unmet childhood love needs.

Homosexual behavior results from a choice made to "act out" sexually in reaction to years of repression of these deeper issues.

Homosexual orientation is primarily a condition of impaired personal development, the healing of which requires the understanding and resolution of spiritual, emotional and psychological issues.

Homosexual orientation is healed by the identification and resolution of root issues. Recovery from the habits and thought patterns resulting from homosexual behavior can either be quick or take a longer time depending on the extent of trauma and neglect, a person's spiritual maturity, and the degree of their desire to change.

WHERE GRACE ABOUNDS believes that complete healing of homosexuality is the same as for that of any other sin. During prayer counseling, root issues are identified and healing comes through the cleansing and restorative power of the Holy Spirit. At Where Grace Abounds, in an atmosphere of unconditional love and acceptance, the whole person (spiritual, emotional, psychological, etc.) comes to an understanding of their condition and God's provision for it.

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PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

WHERE GRACE ABOUNDS is a Christian ministry formed to help meet the needs of men and women who are in conflict with their homosexual behavior or feelings and who are seeking support and guidance in the process of change. Our intent is to facilitate the spiritual, emotional, and psychological growth of these persons in such a way that they experience the freedom of an abundant life in Christ. We believe that maturity in Jesus Christ brings complete healing.

WHERE GRACE ABOUNDS is an interdenominational non-profit corporation which takes a position between the two extremes of thought on the issue of homosexuality. We are in agreement with the "gay" Christians who say, "God loves us and accepts us just the way we are". We disagree with them, however, when they say, "God made us this way". We support the biblical stand that homosexual behavior is sin, but we object to the assumption that it is a sin worse than any other. Our mission is, through compassion and love, to bridge the gap between these extremes and bring together the whole message of God's heart on this issue.

WHERE GRACE ABOUNDS holds a firm conviction that homosexual behavior is a symptom of much deeper issues such as spiritual emptiness, unresolved emotional hurts, and unmet childhood needs. The many variables contributing to the homosexual feelings come about over a period of time. The identification and healing of the root issues and the recovery from the resulting habits and thought patterns can be either quick or take a longer time depending on variables such as the extent of trauma experienced, a person's spiritual maturity, and the degree of their desire to change.

WHERE GRACE ABOUNDS reaches out in the love of Jesus Christ without condemnation, yet without compromising the Word of God. We provide godly counsel, support and encouragement while allowing the Holy Spirit to do a sanctification work in the life of any individual.

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LIST OF SERVICES

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Weekly Support Groups - provide opportunity for mutual encouragement, study of relevant issues, and growth in interpersonal relationships for people who struggle with homosexuality.
Individual Counseling - Staff and volunteers are available to do counseling with those struggling with homosexuality, and their spouses or family members and friends.
Correspondence Counseling - Staff and volunteers correspond with those who cannot come to meetings but are in need of support.
Family and Friends Support Group - This bi-monthly group is meeting the needs of the parent, child, spouse, relative or friend of one struggling with homosexuality.
Survivors of Abuse Support Group - This bi-monthly group addresses the needs of a person who has been sexually, physically, emotionally and/or psychologically abused.
Speaking/Workshops - Staff and volunteers are available for participating in or conducting workshops, and for speaking engagements, e.g. church services, Sunday Schools, private and public schools, community service organizations, missionary fairs, Christian conventions, radio talk shows, etc.
Literature & Resources - A periodic newsletter and literature packets are available upon request.
Referral - Current lists are maintained of active ministries aimed at reaching homosexually-oriented persons, their friends and family members in the U.S., Canada and overseas.
Homosexuals Anonymous - Services and support are offered alongside the H.A. 14-step concept and encourage the establishment of new chapters.
AIDS Awareness - Counseling, support and information is provided upon request.

DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

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We believe in one triune God, who is a rewarder of those who earnestly seek Him.
We believe that all Scripture is inspired by God, and used by the Holy Spirit to teach, rebuke, correct, and train in righteousness.
We believe all have sinned and must be reconciled to God.
We believe God loves everyone, so He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die in substitution for all.
We believe the sacrifice of Christ provides forgiveness of sins and cleansing from all unrighteousness.
We believe whoever personally accepts Christ's sacrifice will not die, but have eternal life.
We believe the way to holiness and an abundant life is through ongoing growth in a relationship with God.
We believe God gives spiritual gifts to all His children, for the building up of the Body of Christ.
We believe we are commanded to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love one another.